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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 and 29-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 and 29-34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/16/04 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,298,717 to DeRosset Jr.

Referring to the specification and figures, DeRosset Jr. teaches a computerized method of indicia placement on a planar surface, comprising the steps of: providing a workpiece having a planar surface; providing an indicia image; obtaining the dimensions of the planar surface; inputting an approximate desired indicia location and a desired orientation; calculating an optimal indicia location on the planar surface according to the desired indicia location; effecting the movement of an indicia imparting device to the optimal indicia location on the planar surface; and imparting the indicia at the optimal indicia location on the planar surface, where the step of imparting the indicia comprises the steps of placing a laser emitting device to be adjacent the planar surface and aimed perpendicularly to said surface, and emitting light from the laser in a pattern to impart the indicia image, where the step of emitting light from the laser in a pattern to impart the indicia is effected by a picture-imparting laser and the step of emitting light from the laser in a pattern is effected according to a computerized image file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,298,717 to DeRosset Jr. in view of U.S. Patent 6,060,157 to LaPerre et al.

Regarding Claim 5, DeRosset Jr. teaches a method and apparatus for etching indicia on a glass surface such as window glass using a laser. The method of DeRosset Jr. comprises providing a laser beam etcher capable of etching an image in the planar workpiece positioning said planar workpiece perpendicularly to the aim of said etcher; calculating an optimal indicia location according to established parameters; moving said laser beam etcher adjacent said optimal indicia location; providing image data; providing orientation data; transmitting said image data and said orientation data to said laser beam etcher; and imparting the indicia to the workpiece using the laser.

DeRosset Jr. does not teach that the orientation data indicates that the etched indicia will comprise a mirrored image so that the etched indicia comprise a mirrored image readable through the workpiece.

LaPerre et al. teaches that it is conventional in the art of etching indicia on a transparent article such as window glass to etch the image as a mirrored image readable through the workpiece. (Col. 1, Lines 34-54) It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to etch the window glass indicia of DeRosset Jr. in the conventional manner.

Regarding Claims 6, and 7, DeRosset Jr. teaches that image data is transmitted to a computer, which converts the image data into a control signal and transmits the control signal to the laser. It is inherent in the method of DeRosset Jr. that the data also contains orientation data in order to provide a properly oriented image. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to transmit the orientation and image data either as separate data elements or as incorporated image data in order to provide a properly oriented image.

Claims 8, 9, and 14-27, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,298,717 to DeRosset Jr. in view of the admitted prior art.

Referring to the specification and figures, DeRosset Jr. teaches a computerized method of imparting an indicia to a planar surface, comprising the steps of: providing an etcher capable of etching an indicia in the planar workpiece media; providing a subject of the planar workpiece media having a first edge and a second edge; determining a desired indicia location proximate said workpiece, said location being at an intersection of a first and second inset line, the first and second inset lines being at an angle to each other, the first inset line being a specified distance from a first tangent line, said first tangent line being tangent to said first edge, said second inset line being a specified distance from a second tangent line, said second tangent line being tangent to said second edge; determining a first offset distance from the first edge at which the intersection should be located, determining a second offset distance from the second edge at which the intersection should be located; positioning said planar workpiece adjacent said etcher; transmitting image data and orientation data to said etcher; finding the first edge of said planar workpiece; finding the second edge of said planar workpiece; positioning said etcher adjacent the intersection including positioning said etcher at a point along said first dimension, at a distance from the first edge equal to the first offset distance; positioning said etcher at a point along said second dimension, at a distance from the second edge equal to the second offset distance; and imparting the indicia to the planar workpiece surface at the intersection, wherein the step of imparting the indicia comprises the steps of placing a laser emitting device adjacent the planar surface and emitting light from the laser in a pattern to impart the indicia image and wherein the step of emitting light from the laser in a pattern to impart the indicia is effected using a picture-imparting laser.

DeRosset Jr. does not explicitly teach determining a desired indicia location proximate a corner of said workpiece.

However, the admitted prior art teaches that it is known in the art of etching information on window glass to place indicia in the bottom corner of the glass. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the etching method and apparatus of DeRosset Jr.

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to etch the bottom corner of window glass as described in the admitted prior art as DeRosset Jr. teaches a method that is particularly well suited to forming images in window glass in a particular location using a laser.

Regarding Claims 16 and 24-27, DeRosset teaches the method of the invention substantially as claimed, but does not teach determining window specification data by testing the workpiece or using the laser to etch window specification information, text information, logo information or NFRC rating information.

However, the admitted prior art teaches that it is known in the art to test window glass to determine window specification data, and to provide window specification information, text information, logo information or NFRC rating information on the surface of the window glass by etching.

Since DeRosset provides a method of etching window glass to provide such information as a barcode, number, decorative design, or the like, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use the etching method and apparatus of DeRosset Jr. to etch the window glass information as described in the admitted prior art as DeRosset Jr. teaches a method that is particularly well suited to forming images in window glass in a particular location using a laser.

Regarding Claims 18, 21, and 22, DeRosset inherently teaches transmitting orientation data to the laser as the image data provides a properly oriented image. Further, as discussed in the admitted prior art, laser-marking devices are often supplied with software for loading computer files containing image data. It is notoriously old and well known in the computer image art that image software typically provides orientation data for an image in order to provide an image that is properly oriented.

Regarding Claim 23, DeRosset Jr. teaches receiving the workpiece at a fixed position in a workstation. See Figures 9 and 10 for example.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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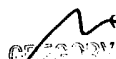
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberts Culbert whose telephone number is (571) 272-1433. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Mills can be reached on (571) 272-1439. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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